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ABSTRACT

5 A lead frame such as a normal or inverted lead frame includes an unsymmetrical part such as a gate. A clamp, for clamping the lead frame during wire bonding, includes an observation hole. The unsymmetrical part of the lead frame is visible through the observation hole. A lead eye box and 10 a lead eye point are set on the unsymmetrical part through the observation hole. The picture inside the lead eye box is captured and compared to a control picture. Setting the lead eye box and the lead eye point on the unsymmetrical part through the observation hole allows detection of when the lead frame is inadvertently rotated at prescribed angles or 15 when a normal lead frame and an inverted lead frame are inadvertently mixed.